

Poems from different cultures



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Poems from different cultures During the poem *limbo* (by Edward Kamau Brathwaite) is more of a cultural poem than a tradition. As the poem describes a stressful and upsetting time black people lived through. The way they were moved from Africa to America to the United Kingdom. In between the rows three to six, it repeats the same word again, this in my opinion indicates the ship swaying in the sea. The way the humans underneath the half rotted plank of wooden floor. This shows that they were kept under complete silence.

Tied with metal chains, not a movement was made. But as for the poem *Island Man* (by Grace Nichols) is a poem that can be viewed as a cultural poem as well as tradition. The poem describes the way a man lives on an island known as London but left in peace and quiet. This can be explained as culture as it shows the way the man is able to live through what is known as a busy city. What to do and how to deal with a situation. Also in the last stanza the poet is giving a simple mapping of information. The repeated words give an impression of the person's feelings.

The language of each poem is different, *limbo* indicates that it was written in the time of when this occurred, it even may have been written by someone who lived these terrors. But the passion of the poet trying to send the message across of how life was down underneath the sky, underneath footsteps and underneath planks of wood. As for the poem *Island Man* indicates that it was written, also in the times of when life was difficult as you do not find people who live peacefully in the island, also the relaxed life that he lives.

Day by day repeated. Underneath sky, breathing in the fresh air. In both poems the poet is from race and are writing about their country or where they come from. Limbo you are able to tell the poet is black and is explaining the life that some black people had to go through. The poem island man you are able to tell that they are from London trying to explain where they are from and how standard life is in the rich city known as London.

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